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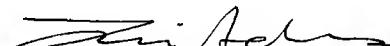
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated October 20, 2006.

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